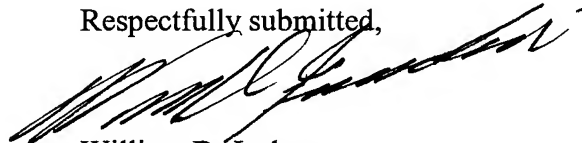


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A multimodal polypropylene blend according to claim 52 wherein the ratio of the melt flow indexes of the first and second fractions is at least 5.

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to calculation of the fees.

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